

IDAHO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Grant Policy

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Statement of Philosophy

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund (ICTF) awards grants to programs that provide services to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho. The ICTF will review grant applications impartially and choose recipients based upon the project criteria, ICTF funding limitations, geographic distribution of recipients, and the mission and strategic plan of the ICTF. The ICTF will act as responsible stewards of the funds allocated to its grant programs.

Grant Programs

Requirements. For all ICTF grants, the ICTF will solicit proposals from interested organization or nominations from organizations and the public. ICTF grant awards will limit the use of grant funds to programs designed to prevent or reduce child abuse and neglect. Unless provided otherwise in the grant award, recipients will be required to submit an accounting of the use of grant funds and a report of the benefits produced by the grant.

Program Criteria. The Executive Director will supervise the development of eligibility requirements, project review criteria, application requirements, and the general conditions of award for ICTF grant programs (the "Program Criteria"). Upon approval of the Program Criteria, the Executive Director shall distribute the approved criteria to the public and interested applicants, including distribution through the ICTF website.

Grant Management. The Executive Director will supervise the management of ICTF grants. The Executive Director will notify the ICTF if a grant recipient fails to comply with the terms of an ICTF grant.

Employment by an Organization Receiving an ICTF Grant.

Staff members are prohibited from employment by an organization receiving an ICTF grant. Board members and potential Board members must disclose employment by an organization receiving, applying for, or likely to apply for ICTF grant to the Governor's office and the Board in writing prior to accepting appointment to the Board or prior to accepting employment from such an organization during their term of service as a Board member. The disclosure must contain a certification that the Board member's compensation from the organization is a fixed salary or wage. The Board may request that the Board member resign from the Board, terminate the employment, decline the offer of employment, or face removal proceedings from the Board based upon a conflict of interest or an appearance of impropriety. Board members employed by an organization receiving an ICTF grant must not take part in the review of a grant application involving the applying organization or in the approval of an award of a grant to the applying organization.

Funding Sources for ICTF / PCAI

1. Federal: **Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Program (CBCAP)** through U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth & Families, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN). Created by title II of the Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended by P.L. 108-36.

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Each state governor must designate the agency in their state to receive these federal funds. Since the funding began in 1996, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund has been the designee in Idaho. The governor must sign a form titled "State CEO's Assurances Regarding the Lead Agency" and write a letter in regard to this assurance that must be included with the annual application for funds.

Application for funds is due in late spring each year; usually late May or early June. The federal office will send out (via email and USPS) CBCAP Program Instructions (PI) once they are released, approximately 60 days prior to the due date.

The application includes budget information and narrative.

The amount of money each state receives depends upon the number of children (under age 18) living in the state. Since Idaho has a low population, we always receive the base amount, which currently is set at \$200,000 per year.

There is an opportunity to receive more funding than just the base amount, and that depends upon how much money was leveraged in the previous Federal Fiscal year (Oct. 1 – Sep. 30). There is a form and instructions in the PI to help you figure the amount that Idaho leveraged.

We usually receive a letter in September that tells us the amount of CBCAP funds awarded to the ICTF for the FFY beginning in October. Since DHW is our fiscal agent, they track the money spent through the grant, and the reimbursement received.

2. **Tax Check-Off:** Donations designated for the ICTF on citizen's Idaho State Income Tax form. The ICTF is currently one of several organizations that people can donate to on their state tax form. In the ICTF statute, this method is named as the way for the ICTF to raise money to support its work. In the revised statute 2014, ICTF may now raise funds from any source.

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Introduction

The Idaho Legislature established the Idaho Children's Trust Fund in 1985 to support efforts designed to prevent child abuse and neglect within the state. The Children's Trust (ICTF) holds the vision that all Idaho children are valued, and that they grow up in a world where all children have the opportunity to thrive. The ICTF is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through funding, educating, supporting and building awareness among community based organizations who share our mission. The ICTF believes that:

- Idaho's children are the state's greatest asset. Keeping them safe from abuse and neglect is our mission. Too often children suffer abuse and neglect with wide and far-reaching consequences that afflict for a lifetime.
- **Preventing** abuse and neglect is critical to protecting Idaho's children. Prevention efforts begin with **shifting the focus** from targeting family risks and deficits to building family strengths and resiliency.
- Nationally, 81% of abused children are abused by a parent (ACF/DHHS, 2012). Research shows that the best way to prevent child abuse is to educate, inform, support and partner with parents to help them build strong, healthy families. Therefore the majority of the funding dollars distributed by the ICTF are allocated to providers who embed effective prevention strategies into their parenting and early care and education programs to strengthen and support parents and families.
- **Child Neglect** is a failure to meet children's basic needs – whether the failure is the responsibility of parents, communities or society – and this void places children in harm's way. Neglect represented 78% of all reported child abuse and neglect cases in 2012 (ACF/DHHS). Yet understanding it and its complexities pales compared to our understanding of other maltreatment. The ICTF is interested in projects this year that intentionally address neglect or look at one of the factors most frequently identified with it: history of trauma, poverty, maternal depression, substance abuse, devaluing challenges of child rearing.
- The ICTF will award Annual Grants (November 2014 - October 2015) to community-based programs focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Grantee programs should be carefully designed with strategies for preventing or reducing the occurrence of child abuse or neglect based within the strength-based protective factors framework and using, whenever possible, evidence-based curriculum and evaluation tools.
- Programs must be located in Idaho or provide services to residents of Idaho.
- Grants are available to public or private non-profit and faith-based organizations, government agencies, (e.g. schools or health departments) or qualified individuals who provide community based educational or service programs designed to reduce or prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Programs must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and an identified fiscal agent.
- Programs must provide certificates of commercial general liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance **with** their grant application.
- Proposed projects must offer strategies to strengthen families in order to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. (<http://www.strengtheningfamilies.net/index.php/about>)
- Proposed projects must be designed using research based or best practice methods. Research *must* be cited in the grant application.
- Proposed projects should be designed in a way that will help to solve challenges that are specific to the targeted population; e.g., services for Hispanic families should take into consideration the possibility of specific language barriers and cultural issues.
- Programs must be willing to collect, maintain and report various demographic and programmatic data about their services.
- Program must be willing to partner with participant parents and clients to increase participant involvement, satisfaction and leadership within their organization.
- A final report will be required.

Annual Grants Program

Multi-Year Grantees, Cycle 4, 2013-2016

The Multi-year grant program provides \$40,000 over three years to projects that seek to have a sustainable impact. CTF staff works closely with these projects to build a system of prevention state-wide in Idaho.

Catholic Charities of Idaho

Catholic Charities of Idaho offers multicultural and multilingual services in counselling, family support services, youth development, case management, education and outreach on domestic violence, literacy services, and financial literacy, citizenship, and immigration services, as well as advocacy on behalf of poor and vulnerable members of the community. With ICTF funding, CCI will strengthen refugee families and prevent child abuse through the Nurturing Program, an evidence-based child abuse prevention program.



CCI Nurturing Parenting Instructor, Yves Ndayishimiye (center), poses with Nurturing Parenting graduates.

ICARE, St Vincent de Paul

ICARE is a child abuse prevention program offering individualized home visit services in Kootenai & Shoshone Counties and parenting classes and child sexual abuse prevention workshops to families in Kootenai County.

In the interest of preventing child sexual abuse in North and North Central Idaho ICARE will collaborate with other agencies to expand its services to train 30 facilitators on the Stewards of Children curriculum who will then offer 30 workshops to adults in the 10 counties over the course of the three year grant. Within ICARE our home visitors will become trained in the Responsible Adults/Safe Children curriculum and then incorporate that in our home visits with families in Kootenai and Shoshone Counties. We will also provide our Nurturing Parenting and Nurturing Fathers class participants with the Stewards of Children workshop.



Multi-Year Grantees, Cycle 3, 2010-2013

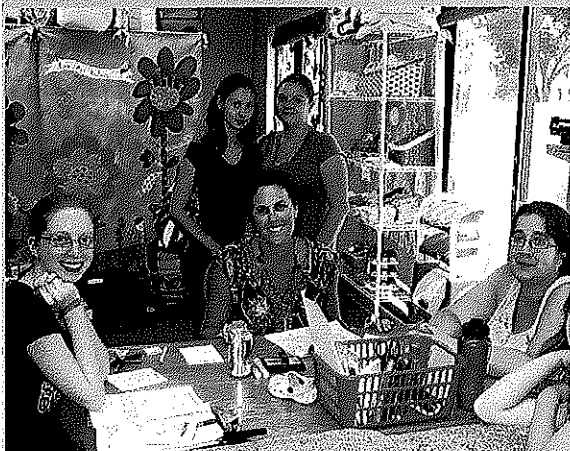
Catholic Charities of Idaho



The Powerful Families Program focuses on building parent leadership, financial literacy, and advocacy by improving parenting skills, while reducing stress and isolation. Through increased education, coping skills and development of community connections, parents feel supported and strengthened in their ability to care for young children and positively influence older children's life choices. With these new skills, parents feel increased control of stressful situations, thereby making better choices and reducing child abuse incidents.

Elks Rehab and St. Michael's

In collaboration, BabySteps at St. Michael's Cathedral & Elks Rehab System provide free of charge Nurturing Parenting workshops. BabySteps offers Nurturing Skills for Families workshops weekly on general parenting topics, whereas Elks Rehab System conducts biannual 8-week workshops using the Nurturing Parenting for Parents & Their Children with Health Challenges curriculum.





Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award
for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention



Why is this award named for Ed Van Dusen? Ed Van Dusen might rightly be called the "Father of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund" because of his role in getting the organization established in 1985. After his death in 2009, the Trust Fund's board renamed its "Board Award" in his honor. 2010 marked the first award given in his name

What is the "Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award" for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention? An annual award created by the members of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board to recognize and reward a particular child abuse prevention effort in Idaho that is creative, innovative and impacts the community in a positive way by *preventing* the abuse and neglect of children.

What is Child Abuse Prevention?

(For more information, visit www.idahochildrenstrustfund.idaho.gov)

Child abuse prevention is the work of keeping abuse and neglect of children from ever occurring. Communities must develop strategies to prevent abusive and neglectful patterns from occurring to begin with. Effective prevention programs provide a complete and effective support system for all families in order to prevent child abuse.

Eligibility for Application

Any agency, organization or individual engaged in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho is eligible to apply. This includes, but is not limited to: non-profits, government agencies, schools, hospitals, foster parents, faith communities, child care centers, coalitions, private counseling centers, homeless shelters, and service clubs. A Legacy Award Winner may not be nominated again.

Criteria for Application

The efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect undertaken by the nominee should be innovative, creative, collaborative, able to be replicated, have a positive impact on the community, receive community support, and occur in Idaho. The nomination application will request information about these criteria.